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ACTION: Amconsul SAO PAULO 131
Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO 962

PRIORITY

INFO: CUBAN COORDINATOR MIAMI (by pouch)

We have reviewed correspondence which Cyro Albuquerque asked us transmit to Alvarez Diaz (Sao Paulo's A-192) and are seriously concerned that he directly involves USC with visit Cuban exiles to Brazil by reference to letters exchanged with John Barfield and to assistance from "American Governmental authorities" in outline of plan for visit (paragraph 10).

Our concern based possibility visit might be viewed as some way connected Cuban government-in-exile question. Erroneous suggestion that USC assisting in visit might lead to interpretations we pushing government-in-exile idea. Moreover, we not sure GOB itself has cleared visit and we assume GOB also sensitive to government-in-exile angle.

For Amconsul SAO PAULO: Suggest you explain to Albuquerque in such manner as you deem appropriate to avoid embarrassing Consulate General or prejudicing your relations Sao Paulo

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authorities, that we think it is not rpt not in interest of all concerned suggest USG associated with project and therefore we request he recast letter to Alvarez Diaz dropping mention two points described above and send directly to Alvarez Diaz to address given in Deptel 122 to Sao Paulo, info Rio de Janeiro 910. You may want to point out in approach to Albuquerque there is danger pro-Castro elements will seize on references US assistance to portray visit as US sponsored and Brazilian hosts as "entreguistas" acting on foreign request.

For Amembassy RIO DE JANEIRO: In your discretion suggest you bring to attention of Itamaraty plans of Albuquerque to invite Cuban exile group. Explain that our only role has been one of facilitating contact between Albuquerque and Alvarez Diaz during former's visit to United States last July and serving as channel communication last September. We are not rpt not involved in any way with proposed visit Cubans to Brazil and that is why we have asked Albuquerque to recast letter dropping any reference to USG participation.

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